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1. VINCI GROUP MET HERE AGAIN JULY 10, WITH VIRTUAL-  
LY ALL OECD COUNTRIES REPRESENTED, TO DISCUSS UNGA COMMIT-  
TEE OF THE WHOLE (OVERVIEW COMMITTEE) AND PARTICULARLY

THE US "NON-PAPER" CONTAINING OUR IDEAS FOR THE COMMITTEE'S FUNCTIONING. MEETING WAS GENERALLY INCONCLUSIVE ON THE US IDEAS AS PARTICIPANTS HAD LITTLE TO ADD TO THEIR REACTIONS ALREADY GIVEN, AND EQUALLY INCONCLUSIVE ON THE QUESTION OF COMMENCING CONSULTATIONS WITH THE G-77.

2. US (WELLS) REPORTED SHE HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY JAZAIRY WHO WAS AWARE OF THE US PAPER (PEREZ GUERRERO HAD SHOWN HIM A COPY) AND WAS CLEARLY UNHAPPY AT NOT HAVING BEEN INFORMED BY THE US IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN. SHE HAD TRIED TO EXPLAIN TO HIM THAT THIS WAS A VERY INFORMAL PAPER AND THAT WE HAD BEEN HOPING TO GET REACTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM OECD COUNTRIES BEFORE SPREADING IT MORE WIDELY. HOWEVER, IT WAS EMBARRASSING TO HOLD OFF ANY LONGER AT THIS POINT WHERE US "NON-PAPER" WAS WIDELY CIRCULATED AMONG G-77. (WE PRIVATELY REMINDED FRG REPS THAT IT HAD BEEN AT BONN'S REQUEST THAT WE HAD ASKED EMBASSY ALGIERS NOT TO GO AHEAD WITH OUR ORIGINAL INSTRUCTIONS TO INFORM JAZAIRY IN ALGERIA.) WELLS ASKED MEMBERS OF THE VINCI GROUP WHAT THOUGHTS THEY HAD ON HANDLING OUR SUGGESTIONS.

3. FRG (VON WECHTMAR), SPEAKING FOR THEMSELVES AND OSTENSIBLY FOR THE EC-9, REITERATED THEIR MISGIVINGS OVER THE US IDEAS AND THEIR CONSEQUENT INABILITY TO ENDORSE THEM, AT LEAST FOR NOW. HE SAID THE NORTH/SOUTH COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNITY WOULD BE MEETING IN BRUSSELS JULY 12 TO DISCUSS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OVERVIEW AND THE US IDEAS AND THAT THERE PRESUMABLY WOULD BE SOMETHING FURTHER TO REPORT THEREAFTER. WHILE FRG AT FIRST ASKED IF WE COULD HOLD OFF GIVING JAZAIRY OUR TEXT UNTIL THEN, THE CONSENSUS OF THOSE SPEAKING UP (INCLUDING THE UK) WAS THAT IT WAS UP TO THE US TO HANDLE AS IT SAW FIT.

4. WELLS THEN SAID WE WOULD HAVE TO GIVE OUR "NON-PAPER" TO JAZAIRY, EXPLAINING THE DATE OF ITS ORIGIN AND THAT IT WAS JUST "ONE IDEA". WE WOULD ALSO GIVE COPIES TO ANY OTHER LDC REPS REQUESTING IT, ESPECIALLY AFTER ANDY YOUNG'S SPEECH JULY 11.

5. WITH RESPECT TO MORE STRUCTURED CONSULTATIONS WITH THE G-77, THERE WAS NO CONCLUSION AS TO WHEN AND HOW THESE SHOULD COMMENCE. THE XCSS MEETING ON JULY 18 WAS MENTIONED AS A KEY DATE IN ARRIVING AT A JOINT POSITION, BUT MOST AGREED THAT REPS HERE SHOULD NOT WAIT THAT LONG BEFORE COMMENCING SOME CONSULTATIONS WITH THE G-77, ESPECIALLY SINCE JAZAIRY WAS HERE AS HEAD OF THE ALGERIAN DELEGATION FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF CONSULTATIONS ON THE OVERVIEW. UK (MARSHALL) THOUGHT THAT CONSULTATIONS WOULD START "BY OS-

MOSIS" ON THE BASIS OF VARIOUS STATEMENTS MADE IN GENERAL DEBATE INCLUDING ANDY YOUNG'S, ALTHOUGH HE NOTED THE "ASY-METRY" OF THE PAUCITY OF SUGGESTIONS ON OVERVIEW FROM THE G-77 SIDE WHILE MOST OECD REPS HAD ADDRESSED THE QUESTION.

6. THROUGHOUT THIS DISCUSSION KINSMAN OF CANADIAN OBSERVER DELEGATION WHO CHAIRED THE MEETING WAS HELPFUL TO US IN PRODDING THE MEETING ON. SWEDISH REP WAS ALSO POSITIVE WITH RESPECT TO OUR IDEAS, POINTING OUT THE SIMILARITIES TO SWEDEN'S AND WITH RESPECT TO CONSULTATIONS WITH JAZAIRY AND THE G-77. JAPANESE REP ALSO MENTIONED JAPAN'S SIMILAR IDEAS.

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7. THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION OF JAZAIRY'S REPORTED NOTION OF POSTPONING THE SEPTEMBER SESSION TO SEPTEMBER 19 TO COINCIDE WITH THE BEGINNING OF THE UNGA, BUT ALL WHO SPOKE FAVORED LEAVING THE SESSION AS SCHEDULED, SEPTEMBER 5-15. MILLS OF JAMAICA  
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(PRESIDENT OF ECOSOC AND CHAIRMAN OF G-77 IN NEW YORK) WAS REPORTED TO BE AGAINST ANY CHANGE.

8. MEANWHILE NORWEGIANS HAVE TOLD US STOLTENBERG WILL BE ABLE TO CHANGE HIS CONFLICTING PLANS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 17 IN CASE HIGH LEVEL "SMALL GROUP" CONSULTATIONS ARE SCHEDULED IN GENEVA FOLLOWING THE BONN SUMMIT.

9. ADDENDUM: WE WERE ASKED IN THE VINCI GROUP MEETING TO CLARIFY THE DIFFERENCE IN THE TEXTS OF OUR "NON-PAPER" (DRAWN FROM THE OPERATIVE PARTS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S TELEGRAM TO USUN) AND PAPERS RECEIVED BY SOME MINISTRIES FROM OUR EMBASSIES. WE EXPLAINED THAT OUR CIRCULAR TO EMBASSIES (STATE 16176) CONTAINED INTRODUCTORY PASSAGES THAT WERE NOT CONSIDERED NECESSARY FOR USUN, WHICH SOME OF OUR EMBASSIES MUST HAVE DRAWN ON, BUT THAT THE OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS ON OUR "IDEAS" WERE ESSENTIALLY THE SAME WITH SOME DRAFTING DIFFERENCES. (SOME REPS HAVE SHOWN US COMPLETE PHOTOCOPIES OF STATE 16176).  
VANDEN HEUVEL

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